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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM PRESENTS PUBLIC ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOPS**

#### **MISSOULA –**

Death isn't always easy to discuss, but a workshop presented by The University of Montana School of Law can help Montanans make things easier for their loved ones by learning how to get their affairs in order.

UM School of Law Dean E. Edwin Eck will team up with Professor Marsha A. Goetting of the Montana State University-Bozeman Extension Service to bring "Trust and Estate Planning for Montanans" to four communities Monday through Thursday, Jan. 13-16. The two will discuss issues from death and inheritance taxes to avoiding probate to multiple party accounts at free, public workshops in Miles City, Sidney, Glasgow and Havre.

Each session will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the following locations: Rooms 106 and 107 at Miles Community College in Miles City on Monday, Jan. 13; the Elk's Club in Sidney on Tuesday, Jan. 14; the Cottonwood Inn in Glasgow on Wednesday, Jan. 15; and the Duck Inn in Havre on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Eck, dean of the law school since 1995, specialized in trusts and estate planning while in private practice and as a UM faculty member. Goetting, a family economics specialist at MSU, wrote her doctoral thesis on "Old Adults, Bequests and Wills," and continues to write on estate planning.

The workshops are sponsored by the UM School of Law and the UM Alumni Association. The sessions are the first of what Eck hopes will be many public service workshops that the law school will



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present across the state. "We hope to eventually reach all major Montana communities," he said.

On the same dates, UM law faculty members Greg Munro and Cynthia Ford will present Continuing Legal Education courses for lawyers in the same four communities, Eck said.

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